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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT :

Flown on 30 September 1963

Mission 180

1. This mission covered areas of south and southeast China. Numerous airfields, other military installations, and some industrial facilities were covered but no significant new items of intelligence were disclosed. An analysis of aircraft strength at airfields

based on this mission and the previous mission indicates that there are not more than 135 jet fighters in this area.

Airfields

2. Eight airfields in the immediate Taiwan Strait coastal area were covered in this mission. Aircraft were noted at only two of these airfields--Foochow/Nantai with 27 MIGs, and Lungchi Airfield--in the Amoy area--with 24 MIGs. No aircraft were noted at either Liencheng or Hsincheng

3. Other airfields include Shuikou and Canton Nanhai, both previously covered. No changes have been noted since that time. Three airfields on Hainan Island were covered with no significant new developments noted except that Sanya airfield on the southernmost tip of the island appears to be deteriorating and may be unserviceable.

Military Installations

4. About 15 barracks and military installations in the area were covered. Most of these have been previously covered and no significant changes were noted in this mission.

NSA review(s) completed.

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5. Three naval bases were covered at Chanchiang, Shantou, and Huang-pu. No significant developments were noted and no unusual changes were disclosed since the previous coverage.

Industrial Installations

6. The Mao-Ming shale oil plant was again covered. It was initially covered [REDACTED] This photography shows the plant is still under construction. One retort appears completed, however, and smoke emitting from its stack indicates probable limited production.

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7. A small iron and steel works at Sanyuan in Fukien Province was covered. It contains 2 blast furnaces, 10 beehive type coke ovens, one steel plant, a power plant and several other buildings under construction. This installation is believed to have been begun in 1959.

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